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CORNER-STONE LAYING.

Sabbath, June 3rd, was a day to be long remembered by the members of Grace Church. It was the occasion of the corner-stone laying of the new church. It was indeed a day of great rejoicing, and a feast of good things for our people. The weather was most favorable for the services, while also the speakers for the day were at their very best, and the congregations were large at all the meetings. We were very much pleased to have with us at the afternoon service such a large representation of our city pastors. Such a fellowship is certainly gratifying and highly appreciated. We were only sorry that time would not allow us to have a word from all these pastors. We hope at some future date, at our dedicatory services, to have these brethren with us again, when we shall have more time, and can hear from them all. We publish in another column a full account of the corner-stone laying, furnished by Dr. Van-Horn, and published in the *Christian World* under date June 14th. We feel certain that the readers of the VISITOR will be interested in knowing what the Doctor has to say about the church and the services.

THE heat of the summer is upon us. Beware that the heat of the sun does not scorch and burn up your religion.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Seventeenth Annual Sunday School Convention of St. Joseph Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the First Reformed Church at Goshen, Indiana, on June 6, 1894, at the hour of 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Benjamin Ashbacher, Bluffton, Ind., who led the devotional service, consisting of singing and prayer.

In the absence of Rev. A. B. Stoner, of Fulton, Mich., Rev. A. K. Zartman, of Fort Wayne, by request, took up the discussion of the subject, "Pentecostal Power in Its Relation to Sunday School Work." After a general discussion of the subject, the following business was transacted: To the response of roll call for delegates, twenty-three names were presented from the various charges of Classis.

By motion, the rules were suspended and the officers were elected by acclamation. B. Ashbacher was re-elected President; Miss Mattie Gonser, Secretary, and Rev. A. K. Zartman, Treasurer.

The evening session adjourned by singing the L. M. Doxology and pronouncing of the Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The morning session was called to order by the President at 9:30 o'clock.

The opening services was led by Rev. J.

H. Albright, of Hudson, Ind. The hymns, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Send us Showers of Blessings," and "Nearer My God to Thee," were sung, and several prayers were offered.

Mr. D. W. Souder, of Fort Wayne, then gave an enthusiastic discussion on the subject, "New Scholars:" a. "How to Get Them."

Rev. I. Rothenberger, of Plymouth, followed with the discussion, b. "How to Hold Them?"

The general discussion was led by Pres. Ashbaucher. Rev. G. H. Souder, of Bluffton, gave some excellent suggestions, and others spoke with energy on the subject.

The next topic, "Sunday School Music," by Louis D. Eichhorn, of Bluffton. The address was excellent in thought and spirit and held the close attention of the audience. Brief comments were given by Mr. Rowe, Rev. Rothenberger, Rev. Zartman, and others. The "Gospel Hymns, No. 6," and "Triumphant Songs, No. 3," were suggested with general approval as the books to use for singing in the Sunday School.

The forenoon session closed by singing the Doxology and pronouncing the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the President at the hour of 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional service was begun by the use of the hymns, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," also, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing;" after which Rev. Barber read the Fifth chapter of Matt. The hymn, "We Praise Thee, O God," was sung and prayer offered. This followed by the singing of "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Me "

Reports from Sunday Schools were then read, showing the following as a total:

Number of schools reported.....	28
" scholars enrolled....	2,425
" officers and teachers...	354
Total enrollment of schools	2,781
Number of members of schools professing religion during the year	142

Number of volumes in libraries...	468
" S. S. papers per week .	804
Collection for use of schools.....	\$1,097.30
Collections for use of benevolent purposes.....	412.54

The first topic, "The Worst Class in Sunday School, and How to Make the Best Out of It," was taken up by Rev. H. S. Bailey, of White Pigeon, Michigan. A general discussion followed.

A vocal solo by Louis Eichhorn, was then highly enjoyed.

Address, "The Best Class in the School, and How to Make the Worst Out of It," by Rev. G. H. Souder and Rev. J. H. Albright. General discussion.

Open Parliament, led by Rev. F. Ware, of Three Rivers. Topics, "The Superintendent, The Teacher, The Sunday School Secretary,

Question drawer.
Under miscellaneous business, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved That this convention does hereby tender a hearty vote of thanks to the members and friends of the First Reformed Church of Goshen for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates of this convention.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

By motion, five dollars were appropriated for home missions.

After an enthusiastic speech by the worthy President on the general success of the work, the minutes were read and approved.

By motion, the convention adjourned to meet on the evening previous to that of the next annual meeting of Classis.

MISS MATTIE GONSER, Sec'y.

THE mid-summer communion service will be held Sabbath morning, July 8th. At this service an opportunity will be afforded for the reception of new members and the baptism of children. We hope there may be a large number of accessions to the church at this time.

THE NEW CHURCH.

The walls of the new church are going up very rapidly, and the building is taking on its appearance of beauty and stateliness. At some places the brick walls are carried up to their full height. Every person passing the church comments on its beauty and admires its appearance. Every day visitors are heard saying, "It will be the prettiest church in the city." By the time of the next issue of the VISITOR the building will be ready for the roof. We would suggest in this connection, that just as soon as convenient the members of the church should pay the installments on their subscriptions. Our monthly payments on the building are quite heavy, and our Treasurer, D. W. Souder, is in constant need of funds.

WHY WE BUILD.

There are three particular reasons why Grace Church should be built this season:

1st. We need the building. No church in the city is more in need of a larger building than Grace Church.

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3rd. By building now we give employment to some of our unemployed, but worthy citizens. It is right that this should be done. These men are not beggars, or parasites. They are honest and industrious, and prefer to earn their bread and clothing rather than be supported by charity, and they should have work.

Money is not as flush as it was a few years ago, but our cause is commendable, commending itself with favor to both God and man, and we have confidence to believe that with a proper effort on the part of the church to work and give, the Lord will help us in our undertaking, and that we shall also meet with favor among the citizens of Fort Wayne and friends abroad.

COPIES of this issue of the VISITOR will be sent to a large number of Sunday School workers and church members within the bounds of St. Joseph Classis. The VISITOR will publish from time to time reports of the meetings and conventions of Classis. Any of these persons who may wish to subscribe for the VISITOR can do so by remitting twenty-five cents to the pastor of Grace Church. We have already quite a list of subscribers in St. Joseph Classis.

CORNER-STONE LAYING AT FORT WAYNE, IND.

It is well known to many readers of *The Christian World* that Grace Reformed Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been in charge of Rev. A. K. Zartman for a number of years past, and that general prosperity has attended his faithful efforts in this important field of labor. Fort Wayne is one of the growing and important cities of Indiana with some fifty thousand population, and large manufacturing interests, which promise extensive prosperity in the future.

When the General Synod of the Reformed Church assembled in Fort Wayne in 1875, there were two Reformed congregations in existence in the city, using the German language exclusively. Many of the delegates to General Synod were impressed with the thought that an English speaking congregation might be formed there at no distant date, but no active step was taken in this direction until 1882, when the Ohio Synod sent its Missionary Superintendent, Rev. S. P. Meyers, to explore the ground and prepare the way for organization. The Rev. T. J. Bacher took charge of the English interest for the Ohio Synod in April, 1883. In the same year the lot on East Washington Street, now occupied, was purchased and the chapel was erected upon the rear portion of the lot in the following summer.

The Rev. Mr. Bacher resigned his charge in April, 1888, and the Rev. A. K. Zartman, of Goshen, was elected his successor in the same month, reaching the sixth anniversary of his service there on the day of the laying of the corner-stone of the new church edifice. A handsome parsonage has been erected on the eastern side of the church lot, now occupied by the pastor and family. The growing interests of the mission induced the people to undertake the erection of their new church building, the foundations of which are already in place upon which the corner-stone was laid on Sabbath, June 3rd.

The services began in the morning with the session of the active and growing Sunday-School, at which addresses were made by the visiting ministry, the Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Reformed Church, of Dayton, O., and the writer. The regular church service began at 10:30 o'clock at which a stirring sermon was delivered by Dr. Hale, from the 122d Psalm and first verse: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." At three o'clock in the afternoon the people assembled, occupying chairs provided and placed upon the floor of the new building, while many others were standing upon the church lot and in the street. The day was propitious, and the interest of the audience was retained unbroken until the close of the service. The choir opened with a beautiful anthem, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Moffat, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The writer followed with an address on the significance of the occasion, and Dr. Hale clinched the argument with a timely appeal to the assemblage, which resulted in a large collection for the new enterprise.

Addresses were also made in the German language by the Rev. Dr. Charles Schaaf, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, and Dr. J. Kuelling, pastor of Salem's Reformed

Church. The other ministers present were the Revs J. P. Lloyd and J. M. Boggs, of the Presbyterian Church, Revs Eldridge and Paschal, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Nelson, of the English Lutheran Church, and Rev. Anslie, of the Congregational Church.

At the evening service which was held in the chapel, the writer preached on the value of active effort in building up a new church enterprise like the present undertaking. At this service, as well as in the other meetings, the Rev. J. Rettig, the house-father of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home, was present with his family and a number of the older children under his charge. It was with great pleasure that we visited the Orphanage on Monday forenoon, and noted the evidence of care and attention bestowed by Pastor Rettig and his wife upon these wards of the church. The buildings belonging to the Home are handsome, and well located on a slight elevation north of the Maumee river and the city, on a fine farm secured to the church for the use of the Institution. Will not all our Reformed congregations contribute liberally to aid in supporting the fifty fatherless children sheltered in this church home?

It is worthy of mention to note the presence at the services of Mr. Isaac Zartman and wife Rebecca, the parents of Pastor Zartman. They have both passed the four-score mile-stone in life's pilgrimage. Their home is near Glenford, Ohio.

Grace Church in Fort Wayne is erecting a model church building, of excellent brick adorned with stone trimmings. The floor is dish-shaped, the pews to be semi-circular in form, with a place for organ and choir on the east side. The new part will be connected with the present chapel by a sliding partition, the whole area accommodating some eight hundred or a thousand people. Pastor Zartman may well feel encouraged at the prospects for the future. May the Great Head of the church grant him and his people abundant success. D. V. H.—*The Christian World*.

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OUR mid-summer communion service will be held Sabbath morning, July 8th.

THE District Christian Endeavor Convention was held at Decatur, June 14th and 15th. The next annual convention will be held at Fort Wayne.

A CANVASS will soon be made of the city for the new church. A few of the business men have already given us very liberal subscriptions. We are confident others will do the same.

THE excursion to Rome City was not as well patronized this year as in some former years. The net receipts will be about \$30. Every one had a good time, and some came home with an abundant supply of fresh fish.

THE pastor's parents, after a visit of nearly a month among their children and friends in Indiana and Ohio, have again returned to their home at Glenford, Ohio. They report that their visit has been a very pleasant one, and that they enjoyed excellent health while on their journey. They were very much pleased with the outlook of our church, and with the plans of the new church building. We insisted on having them with us at the corner-stone laying, and now we shall look-forward with the hope of seeing them with us again when the church will be dedicated.

ALL payments on subscriptions for the new church will be made to D. W. Souder, who is treasurer of the building fund.

THE social given by the pastor's catechetical class Thursday evening, May 31st, was a success in every particular. Perhaps just one thing was lacking, more room for the crowd.

AT GOSHEN, IND.

During the week of June 6th to 12th, the pastor and family were at Goshen, Ind., attending the annual meeting of the Classis, and spending a few days with old friends and parishioners. It afforded us great pleasure to again visit this beautiful little city of Northern Ind. It was to us like going home, and seeing familiar faces, familiar streets and homes. The meetings of Classis were well attended and much interest manifested. The discussions at the Sunday School Convention were animated and instructive. The public exercises of the Women's Missionary Society held on Friday evening were of more than usual interest. We hope to be able to publish in later issues of the VISITOR some of the papers that were read at this service. The business of Classis was transacted with harmony and consideration.

The delegates to these conventions greatly admired the new church at Goshen. It is without doubt the most attractive and convenient church in the city, and the congregation may well feel elated over their new church home. The pastor, B. B. Royer and his wife have the confidence of their people, are very devoted in their work and are meeting with very encouraging success. Mrs. Paulus, the pastor and family were entertained during the classis at the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Platter. The hospitality of the good people of Goshen cannot well be surpassed, and we wish them length of days and happiness, and abundant success in their work.

Sabbath School.

D. W. SOUDER.....	Superintendent
M. CONNETT.....	Ass't Superintendent
CHARLES GUMPPER.....	Secretary
MRS. CHARLES GUMPPER.....	Treasurer
ALICE CONNETT.....	Librarian

Sabbath School Hour, Sabbath Morning, 9:30.

SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD.

May 6.	Attendance	123.	Collection	\$ 5.35
May 13.	"	125.	"	19.04
May 20.	"	61.	"	3.79
May 27.	"	134.	"	4.95

Total - - - - - \$33.10

May 6. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount, \$1.30

May 13. Miss Katie Pence's class gave the largest collection; amount, \$5.51.

May 20. Mr. Connett's class gave the largest collection; amount, 80c.

May 27. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount, \$1.32.

Birthday collections, 35c.

New scholars enrolled during May, 16.

THE Sabbath School has been doing very commendable work for some months past. A large number of new scholars have been enrolled, and the average attendance has been larger. The offerings have also been quite liberal. There is still much room for improvement. Our enrollment and attendance might be much larger, and especially should there be a much larger attendance on the part of the members of the church.

THE recent canvass of the city by the Sunday School Union demonstrates the fact that Grace Church has a large field for work before her. The pastor has been furnished with a list of some fifty or more families who have no church homes, and express a preference for our church. To look after all of these families will give the pastor and church an additional amount of work, but also a grand opportunity to do something for the Master.

LAY aside a liberal offering for communion day, July 8th.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS.

First Thursday of each month, 2:30 P. M.

MRS. D. W. SOUDER visited her parents and friends at Shelby, Ohio, during the latter part of May.

MISS EMMA KETLER has recently been spending a few days with friends at Huntington.

BESSIE GILLET has returned to her home at Alexandria, Ind. We are sorry to learn that she will not return to attend our schools next year.

QUITE a good representation of Endeavorers from St. Joseph Classis will attend the great convention at Cleveland, July 12th to 15th.

OUR Sabbath School carries off the banner in St. Joseph Classis for the largest weekly offerings. We hope this spirit of liberality may always be one of the chief characteristics of Grace Church.

THE windows in the new church will be on sale in a short time. They will range in prices from twenty-five dollars upward to one hundred and more. Three seventy-five dollar windows have already been spoken for. The purpose is to realize sufficient out of the sale of windows to pay for all the glass in the church. The names of persons and societies donating the windows will be placed upon the same. An opportunity will also be afforded for members and friends of the church to donate furniture for the church, such as pews, the pulpit, communion table, pulpit chairs, etc. Pieces of furniture will range in prices from five dollars upward to twenty-five or more. The names of donors will be placed upon the pieces of furniture donated, with an artistic silver plate.

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 Weekly Prayer Meeting Sabbath Evening at 6:45.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

June 24. Christian ideals. Matt. 5: 1-16, 48. Anna Souder.

July 1. What has Christianity done for our country? Ps. 33: 8-22. (A missionary topic.) Willis Souder.

July 8. How are men helped by the Holy Spirit? John 16: 7-14. Martin Connett.

July 15. Right and wrong ways of seeking. Eccl. 1: 12-18; 2: 1-11; Matt. 7: 7-11. Frank Ruppert.

July 22. Christ's lowliness our example. Isa. 53: 1-12. Nellie French.

July 29. True growth, what it is and how to get it. Eph. 4: 11-32. Mary Rudisil.

LOUIS EICHORN, of Bluffton, read an excellent paper at the Goshen Sunday School Convention on "Sabbath School Music." Mr. Eichhorn is making a specialty in his study of sacred music.

At the meeting of Classis recently held at Goshen, Ind., a committee was appointed to arrange for a classical Christian Endeavor Convention. It is probable that this convention will be held some time in September.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE IS GAMBLING.

Platte City, Mo., has taken a step in civilization and good morals that ought to have a strong following in a thousand other towns and cities. On Wednesday of last week the grand jury found indictments against forty of the leading ladies and gentlemen of that place for playing "progressive euchre," thus establishing the practice as a crime. A huge sensation was created

and one of the prominent churches is in danger of disruption through the publication of the facts. "Progressive euchre is neither more nor less than a captivating form of gambling, and exceedingly popular in 'good society.'"—*The Tabernacle Baptist*.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORER, DON'T.

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Don't dance. You can't afford it. Dancing Christians are not found in the prayer meeting, the inquiry room or the mission Sunday School.

Don't frequent the theater. Those who do have no influence in leading ungodly men to Christ.

Don't drink wine. It's dangerous business; yet thousands of professed Christians do it.

Don't use tobacco. It is expensive. It is selfish. It is dirty. It is nasty. It is filthy. It is vulgar. It is injurious. It is pernicious. It is unmanly, and with many is but the stepping stone to something worse.—*Marion Lawrence, Toledo, O.*

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LEADERS AND TOPICS FOR THE
WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER
MEETINGS.

June 27. The parable of the Good Samaritan. Luke 10: 30-37. D. W. Souder.

July 4. The friend at midnight. Luke 11: 1-13. Nellie French.

July 11. The Rich Fool. Luke 12: 13-21. F. D. Paulus.

July 18. The barren fig tree. Luke 13: 1-10. Martin Connett.

July 25. The Great Supper. Luke 14: 15-24. Mrs. Louisa Miller.

ARTICLE IV of the Constitution of
Grace Reformed Church.

MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Sec. 1. Every person is a member of this congregation who has been duly received into connection with it, by letter, or by renewal of profession, according to the mode prescribed by Constitution of the Reformed Church.

Sec. 2. All members shall strive to promote the general welfare of the church, and especially by a consistent life and walk, and shall annually contribute according to their ability towards its support.

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